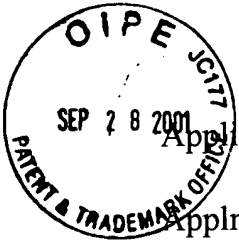


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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98,
Applicant hereby calls the following documents, which were cited in an International
Search Report, dated February 27, 2001 for counterpart application PCT/JP00/07731, to
the Examiner's attention:

WO 97/00474 (SONY CORPORATION), published on January 3, 1997, along
with patent family member EP 779574, was cited as a Y-Category document (i.e.,
document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered to involve
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Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. HEI 10-154052 (SONY CORPORATION), published on June 9, 1998, along with patent family member U.S. Patent No. 6,154,211, was cited as a Y-Category document with respect to claims 1-17, and 19;

Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. HEI 11-259528 (SUEHIRO K.K.), published on September 24, 1999, along with an English language Abstract, was cited as a Y-Category document with respect to claims 1-17, and 19;

Japanese Patent No. 3061933 (OSAWA), published on June 23, 1999, was cited as a Y-Category document with respect to claims 1-17, and 19; and

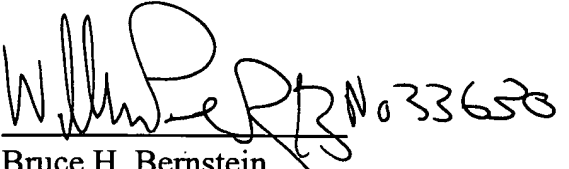
Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. HEI 10-124574 (OIMATSU SANGYO K.K.), published on May 15, 1998, along with an English language Abstract, was cited as a Y-Category document with respect to claims 1-17, and 19.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the patent documents. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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